

Azizan Waits For MACC To Probe State Government's Alleged Misappropriation
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ALOR SETAR, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak said the PAS-led state government would not entertain claims, pressure or comments from Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties over alleged misappropriation of funds by the state government.

Instead, Azizan said, he was waiting for the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to investigate the cases of alleged wrongdoings and he was prepared to face the commission any time.

"I will fully cooperate with the MACC and will not protect any officer or anyone involved in corruption. I will not support anyone who is in the wrong and in fact, I am also prepared to be investigated," he told a press conference after chairing a state executive council (exco) meeting, here, Wednesday.

Among the issues that had been raised were the alleged misappropriation of RM2.55 million for a low-cost housing project by the State Housing Division and Kedah Corporation Berhad's (KCB) investments in logging and plantation projects in Papua New Guinea (PNG), with losses incurred amounting to RM31.21 million, based on the Auditor-General's Report 2011.

But Azizan has hit back by disclosing that four sick projects during BN rule in Kedah has resulted in the current state government having to bear the losses.

On Kedah Gerakan Youth chief Tan Keng Liang having lodged a report with the MACC headquarters in Putrajaya yesterday over KCB's logging and plantation projects in PNG, Azizan said he needed not respond to Tan's move.

Meanwhile, Azizan said the state government would increase the allocations for the state exco members under the 2013 budget which would be tabled at the state assembly sitting on this Nov 20.

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